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1. There were remarkable changes in the policy towards Jews in Poland in recent times. There was not an official and distinctive anti-Jewish policy in Poland after the Slansky trial in Prague till the release of the Moscow doctors, but it was felt that during this period the atmosphere was very tense and something dangerous was approaching for the Jews.

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There were some anti-Jewish signs in the press. The press did not make sufficient distinctions between Zionists and other Jews, especially in caricatures. What was much more alarming, however, was that a great number of lower-ranking Jewish employees were dismissed from various offices and institutions without any explanation. Even some very high-placed Jews showed anxiety and some feigned illness to wait for further developments. At the present time, Jews are reestablished in Poland in their rather privileged position and the attitude towards them is becoming demonstratively favorable, which, on the other hand, is causing a new wave of resentment toward them among the Polish people. They are again permitted to go abroad as members of official missions and Polish delegations have been consisting of overwhelming majorities of Jews again.

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12. The ruling circle is centering more and more attention on the army and military problems. The people employed in the war industry are paid twice as much as those in other branches of industry. This is against all regulations of the Ministry of Labor. There is a continuous search for new personnel and a continuous transfer of people who had formerly worked in the war industry back into the industry again.
13. There are no signs or even hints about a possible mitigation of the present political situation. It is said that the Soviet Union considers it as inadmissible in Satellite countries such as Poland where even the slightest mitigation may cause the loss of public discipline and create the supposition that Soviet power is weakening. On the contrary, the USSR has been increasing the economic exploitation of Poland. The norms have recently been raised in some branches of industry up to 30 percent. This in effect diminishes wages and salaries and lowers the standard of living, but at the same time raises the possibilities of increasing the quantity of goods for export to the USSR.

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